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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 4873

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PLO XF JA

SUBJ: PLO PIQUED AT GOJ COOLNESS

REF (A) TOKYO 3313

(B) TOKYO 3698

(C) BEIRUT 3446

1. IN RECENT BEIRUT PRESS INTERVIEW, PLO REPRESENTATIVE FAROUK KHADDOUMI DISPLAYED PIQUE OVER ARAB-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION INVITATION (REFTELS B, C) TO ARAFAT TO VISIT JAPAN. KHADDOUMI SAID TOP PLO LEADERS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT VISIT JAPAN UNTIL GOJ ANNOUNCES THAT IT WELCOMES ESTABLISHMENT OF TOKYO PLO OFFICE. HE SAID WITHOUT SUCH OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, PLO AT BEST CAN DISPATCH ONLY "UNOFFICIAL" DELEGATION, PERHAPS FROM RANKS OF ITS AFRO-ASIAN COMMITTEE.

2 AT ANOTHER POINT IN INTERVIEW, HOWEVER, KHADDOUMI SAID IF JAPANESE SERIOUSLY SUPPORT PALESTINIAN
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CAUSE THEY SHOULD EXTEND OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR VISIT

TO PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AT OFFICIAL LEVEL HE SAID ONLY
SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTY'S HAVE SHOWN FRIENDLINESS.

3. KHADDOUMI SAID PLO HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE WITH GOJ IN PAST
WHEN ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN TOKYO LEFT AND WAS LATER REFUSED
VISA FOR REENTRY. (NOTE: THOUGH DETAILS MURKY AND NOT
READILY AVAILABLE, IT APPEARS VISA OF A PLO REPRESENTATIVE
SERVING UNDER EMBASSY COVER WAS CANCELLED BY GOJ IN MID 1973).

4. INTERVIEW UNDER DAVID THARP BY-LINE APPEARED ONLY IN
ENGLISH LANGUAGE MAINICHI DAILY NEWS ON APRIL 13. KHADDOUMI IS
IDENTIFIED AS SECOND RANKING LEADER OF PLO IN BEIRUT, HEAD OF PLO
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AND MEMBER OF AL-FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
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